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### IOWA 911 COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL MEETING — JUNE 2026

**Meeting.** The 911 Communications Council met on June 11, 2026, at the Dallas County Human Services Campus in Adel. A recording of the meeting is available on the [Iowa 911 Communications Council channel on YouTube](#).

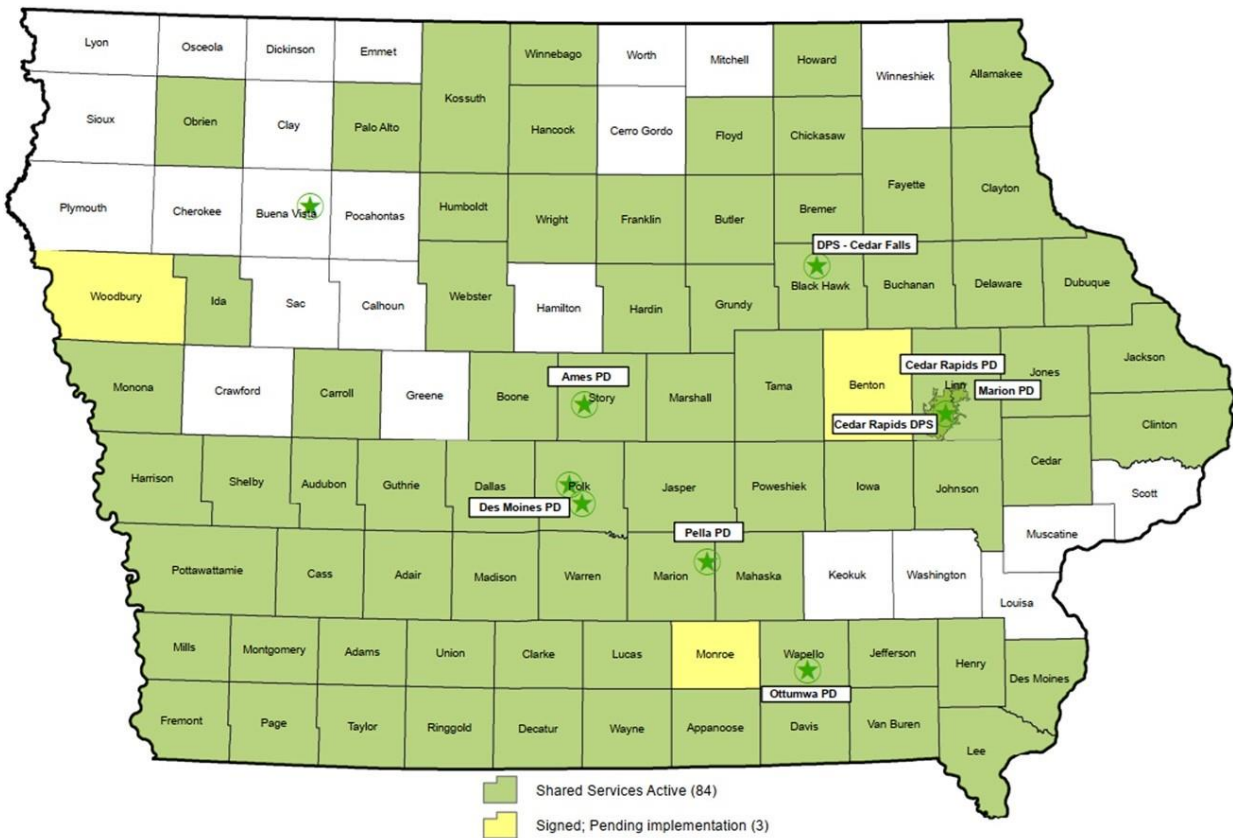
**911 Program Financial Report and Program Update.** Blake DeRouchev, 911 Program Manager and State Administrator of the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD), provided the Council with the following updates:

- Eight counties have outstanding invoices for the third quarter of FY 2026 for remitted payment of surcharge revenue for the 911 system upgrade.
- A 911 Public Service Answering Point (PSAP) leadership training course is scheduled for November 18, 2026, and is also listed on the HSEMD calendar.
- As a reminder of capabilities, Mr. DeRouchev discussed the text-to-911 transfer functionality for PSAPs.
- Mr. DeRouchev gave an update on the West Des Moines data center moving to Raleigh, North Carolina, stating that the transition is still on schedule for the end of June.
- Preparatory memorandums for phase-one readiness for the Next Generation 911 (NG911) network are being sent to all Iowa wireline carriers for delivery to transfer Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) communications.
- **Geographic Information System (GIS) Grants:** Funding for GIS grants is contingent on verification that the applicant possesses 98.0% match rates with GIS and 98.0% match rates with the Automatic Location Identification (ALI) system. In May, all 99 counties met these benchmarks. Critical error quality checks implemented in FY 2026 will be instituted by the GIS grant in FY 2027.
- **Training Fund Requests:** The Council receives \$100,000 annually from the 911 Wireless Surcharge Fund to cover travel costs for the Council and to assist with public education and training costs for PSAPs. For the remainder of FY 2026, there are no requests for training, with approximately \$11,000 remaining in the Fund. Jasper County has an advance request of \$9,900 for FY 2027 for the purchase of the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) Communications Training Officer (CTO) course training program. The cost associated with the extension of the virtual learning management system (LMS) from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, is approximately \$37,000. Approximately \$53,000 remains in the Fund for FY 2027 following the approved funding.

**Shared Services Update.** The HSEMD awarded Zetron NG911 contracts in December 2017 and July 2022 for shared 911 call-handling equipment. Zetron also provides a call-taking system that offers computer-aided dispatch (CAD), 911 mapping, and emergency medical dispatch software in implementing NG911 protocols and systems. The virtual LMS is available for free to all PSAPs, and there is no requirement to be on Iowa shared services. Woodbury, Benton, and Monroe counties signed up, with deployments later this year.

Figure 1 displays the current active shared services locations in the State by county.

**Figure 1 — Current Active Shared Services Locations (by County)**



**Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System (ISICS) Board Update.** Haley Nichols, Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC), reported on several issues during the meeting:

- Government emergency telephone services and wireless priority services.
- The Incident Tactical Dispatcher (INTD) course approved through the federal Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) is still not scheduled but will be conducted in Carroll County.
- The Central States Communications Exercise (COMDEX) is in Hot Springs, Arkansas, September 22 through 25, 2026.

**Emergency Communications Coordinator Report.** Chris Maiers, Emergency Communications Coordinator of the CISA, discussed regional news and gave an update on several topics:

- [Programmable logic controller exploits](#) and the importance of limiting and controlling access to PLCs.
- Malicious cyber activity targeting [automatic tank gauge \(ATG\) systems](#) that alter data and disable alert systems.
- A new document for administrative personnel on new technologies to thwart disruptions of emergency communications and threats to public safety through [swatting and fraudulent calls](#).

**Next Meeting.** The next Council meeting will be held on July 9, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. at the Dallas County Human Services Campus in Adel.

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